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re: U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER: 10/680830

FILING DATE: 07OCT03

NAME OF APPLICANT: Timothy Raymond Cronin

TITLE OF INVENTION: Certified protection from subliminal
content for recordings.

Dear Sirs:

I've enclosed an unsigned copy of my final draft of my original and only utility patent application. And I've enclosed a copy of the United States Postal Service (USPS) EXPRESS MAIL Post Office To Addressee (EXPRESS MAIL) Customer Copy from my mailing of that utility patent application, and a copy of the USPS sales slip showing the EXPRESS MAIL date on which I sent my utility patent application. Also, I've enclosed a copy of my post card which the USPTO sent back to me with the USPTO sticker on it. All of this, in response to DECISION ON PETITION (which was signed by Nancy Johnson, Senior Petitions Attorney, Office of Petitions) a copy of which was mailed to me on October 18, 2006. And which I received on 23OCT06.

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Please note that in 2005 I had to add missing parts (ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE and DECLARATION) to my utility patent application. Also, four letters sent to me by the USPTO, two in late 2005 and two in 2006, had the correct application number and filing date on them. I've enclosed true copies of those four letters' first pages. And, on 5/13/06 the USPTO web site (at the bottom of the page was:
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Thank you for your consideration of this proof of entitlement to a filing date of October 7, 2003.

Sincerely,



Timothy Raymond Cronin



TITLE OF INVENTION:

Certified Protection From Subliminal Content
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NAME OF INVENTOR: Timothy Cronin

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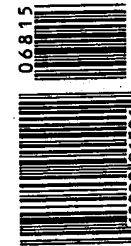
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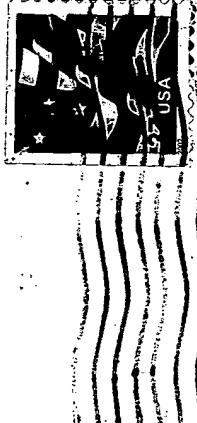
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Applicant's name:

Timothy Raymond Cronin

Type of application:

nonprovisional utility patent

Title of the invention:

Certified protection from subliminal
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Contents of the application:

Transmittal Letter (one page)
Fee Transmittal Information Page (one page)
Specification (five pages; including one Claim page)
Declaration (one page)

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re: single claim nonprovisional utility patent application

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Fee Code: 1001/2001

37 CFR: 1.16(a)

Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity): \$385.00

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Specification

INTRODUCTION

Applicant name: Timothy Raymond Cronin

Citizenship of applicant: United States of America

Residence of applicant: Columbia County, Wisconsin, USA

Title of Invention: Certified Protection From

Subliminal Content For Recordings

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

Not Applicable

REFERENCE TO SEQUENCE LISTING, A TABLE, OR A COMPUTER PROGRAM LISTING COMPACT DISK APPENDIX

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

0001) The sales of audio and video recordings have been declining due to theft of the information contained in those recordings. Theft which was enabled by widespread use of new technologies. My invention aims to increase the sales of audio and video recordings by adding a value to those recordings which cannot be easily copied

0002) I am not aware of a prior art of this type in

Specification (contd.)

the recording industry. Other sellers of consumer products, such as foods, soaps, and pharmaceuticals, have long used relative better purity as a selling point for their products.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

0003) Certified verifiably subliminal-free audio and video recordings. That is, recordings offered for sale which are certified to contain only that information which is not meant to pass unnoticed into the subconscious of a person or of persons listening to or viewing the recording. By offering such certified recordings for sale, the recording industry might increase sales of their products.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING

Not Applicable

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

0004) Production of audio, or audio and video, or video recordings in a secure production environment and using verified subliminal-free master recordings in such a way as to make it possible for the manufacturer of copies of a recording or recordings to be able to certify that the recording or recordings so produced will be verifiably free of so-called subliminals. That is, free of information included in the recording or recordings which is not meant

Specification (contd.)

to be consciously perceptible by the average person who might listen to, listen to and view, or view the recording or recordings.

0005) This invention differs from other attempts to reduce theft of the intellectual property content of recordings. It does not do this by adding information in either the form of security features or extra-value content to copies of recordings. Nor does it do so by reducing the price of the recordings. But by certifying that copies' content is verifiably free of a specific class of information, inherent theft-resistant value is added to each copy.

0006) I perceive that the best method for my invention to be implemented by the recording industry would be for that industry to verify the exact content of information which it intends to make copies of. To protect that information so that no additions can be made to it. Then to securely control the production of recorded copies of that information: and to do so in a way that allows manufacturers of those recordings to certify that each copy would be verifiably free of any information which is not overtly and clearly specified as being part of the contents of each copy.

Specification (contd.)

CLAIM

0007) What I claim as my invention is:

Certified verifiable subliminal-free

audio recordings,

recordings containing both audio and video content,

and visual recordings.

Specification (contd.)

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Not Applicable

DRAWINGS

Not Applicable



Declaration

re: This nonprovisional utility patent application

Name of Inventor:

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(sole inventor of the invention claimed)

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Title: Certified protection from subliminal content for recordings

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